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Classified By: Ambassador David Hale for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

[1](#)1. (C) Jordanian Foreign Minister Abdelelah al-Khatib told Ambassador May 30 that there is much behind-the-scenes collusion underway among some of Iraq's neighbors to prevent an Iranian-hosted neighbors' event. Differing slightly from the assessment provided by Iraqi FM Zebari (ref B), Khatib said there is no push to convene the Jordanian-sponsored Iraq Reconciliation event before the Arab League event scheduled for on/about June 22. The pretext of a conflict between the dates for the Tehran event and the Amman event would therefore not apply.

[1](#)2. (C) Instead, Khatib believes he is gaining support among Arab colleagues to host the Neighbors, event on the margins of an OIC ministerial in Abidjan on June 16.

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